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SUBJ: AP DESPATCH ABOUT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE

1. THREE OF ATHENS' SIX MORNING GREEK-LANGUAGE DAILIES, AND BOTH ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ONES, CARRY THE GEORGE GEDDA AP DESPATCH AS THEIR LEAD STORY OCTOBER 28. INTERESTINGLY, NEITHER OF THE TWO COMMUNIST DAILIES NOR RIGHT WING ELEFTHEROS KOSMOS CARRIES THE STORY. THERE ARE NO AFTERNOON PAPERS TODAY, A GREEK NATIONAL HOLIDAY, BUT TWO AFTER-NOON DAILIES CARRIED BRIEF ACCOUNTS OF THE AP DESPATCH YESTERDAY.

2. CONSERVATIVE PRO-GOVERNMENT AKROPOLIS HEADLINES ITS COVERING STORY "WELL-INFORMED 'ASSOCIATED PRESS' TRANSMITS: MCCLOSKEY USA AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS INSTEAD OF SCHAUFLE." IT REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON COMMENTS A NEW AMBASSADOR IS BEING APPOINTED "TO SATISFY THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER." IF THE AP REPORT IS ACCURATE, AKROPOLIS CONTINUES, THEN THE CHANGE IN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR MUST BE THE RESULT OF THE FIRM AND CLEAR POSITION OF MR.CARAMANLIS ON THE SCHAUFLE AFFAIR. THE STORY THEN REVIEWS THE BACKGROUND OF THE ISSUE AND QUOTES FROM THE AP DESPATCH.
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3. INDEPENDENT KATHIMERINI (WHICH USUALLY TAKES A PRO-GOVERNMENT POSITION) REPRODUCES THE AP REPORT UNDER A HEADLINE SIMILAR TO THAT OF AKROPOLIS. OPPOSITION LIBERAL TO VIMA CARRIES A DESPATCH DATED NEW YORK FROM ITS CORRESPONDENT EFSTATHIADES WHICH IS LARGELY BASED ON THE AP REPORT AND IS HEADLINED "THE APPOINTMENT OF SCHAUFLE TO ATHENS CANCELED BY A DECISION OF VANCE." EFSTATHIADES

REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS A DECISION "IN PRINCIPLE" BY THE SECRETARY. HE QUOTES SOURCES CLOSE TO THE SECRETARY AS SAYING THE CHANGE IN AMBASSADORS "IS NOT YET DEFINITE ALTHOUGH IT IS PROBABLE."

4. AKROPOLIS INDICATES THAT, WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE AP DESPATCH, GREEK SOURCES REPLIED THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE REPORT. IN RESPONSE TO SIMILAR QUERIES WE ARE FOLLOWING THE PRESS GUIDANCE IN USINFO DTG 272250 OCT 77.

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